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STAGE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD WITH

RECOVERY DEVICE HAVING LYOPHILIC PORTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Search Reports and Office Actions were issued in counterpart foreign and international applications. Copies of the original and English language versions of the search reports and Office Actions are attached as References <u>1-9</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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